

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending.

While the Office Action noted that a certified copy of the priority document has not been received, Applicants call to the Examiner's attention the fact that a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application 2000-296462 was filed with the application on September 25, 2001.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-10 and 12-18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Crow (U.S. Patent No. 6,538,665). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 includes the feature of "a display controller displaying a plurality of still images on the display device, the plurality of still images being a frame image displayed with a stop timing and a group of frame images in a specified range having the stopped frame image as a center frame image, and the optional timing capable of being set to increase a temporal separation between adjacent frame images in the group of frame images." In the Office Action, the Examiner identified "*chapters*, col. 3, lines 27-43" in connection with this feature and presented no argument or other explanation of how chapters might teach this aspect of the claimed invention.

Applicants submit that the concept of a "chapter" as described in Crow is irrelevant to the claimed invention and nothing in Crow anticipates the subject matter of the claims. Crow describes that "a time-based media file may be indexed into chapters, wherein each chapter marks the beginning (and ending) of a particular time segment in the time-based media file... chapters are typically descriptions (e.g. text) that indicate or correspond to a time or time range in a time-based media file." (Crow, col. 15, line 50 – col. 16, line 3.) Thus, according to the reference, a chapter is simply a convenient way to access a predetermined location in a time-based media file. There is nothing in the reference to suggest that a "chapter" is identical to or in any way related to a "center frame image."

While the Examiner cited sixteen lines from Crow in connection with the disclosure of chapters, only four of those lines relate to what Crow describes as chapters. The cited portion of

Crow refers to “a chapter selection mechanism,” “a chapter display area” and certain scrolling functionality. Because the concept of a chapter as an index to a media file is irrelevant to the claimed invention, the selection mechanism, display area and scrolling functionality taught in connection with chapters are also irrelevant to any feature of the claimed invention. Nowhere in the cited portion of Crow or elsewhere in the reference is “a group of frame images...having the stopped frame image as a center frame image” disclosed.

Figs. 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B and 12A of Crow further illustrate the chapter and time selection functionality as well as the chapter display area. Figs. 7C-7J show the scrolling capabilities of the chapter display area. None of these figures or corresponding portions of the specification discloses “displaying a plurality of still images” or a “group of frame images...having the stopped frame image as a center frame image.” Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case that the claimed features are taught by Crow. For the reasons given above, the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn.

The Examiner cited the same portion of Crow in rejecting independent claims 5, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18. Each of these claims includes the feature of a “plurality of still images being a frame image...and a group of frame images in a specified range having the stopped frame image as a center frame image.” Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18 are patentable for at least the same reasons given with respect to claim 1 above.

Claim 9 includes the feature of “a display controller subjecting a frame image displayed with a stop timing to image processing and display on the display device when the dynamic image is stopped by the stopping device, and the display subjecting a group of frame images temporally before and after a center frame image to image processing and display as still images on the display device.” In the Office Action, the Examiner identified col. 18, lines 4-17, in connection with this feature and presented no argument or other explanation of how this portion of Crow might teach any aspect of the claimed invention.

The portion of Crow cited by the Examiner discloses that a select start marker and a select end marker allow selection of a time range within a time-based media file. According to Crow, this time range, once selected, allows presentation of only a portion of the time-based media file. Applicants submit that the cited portion of the reference does not teach a “a center frame image” and therefore also does not teach the other features of claim 9 related to the center frame image. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case that the claimed features are taught by Crow. For the reasons given above, the rejection of claim 9 should be withdrawn.

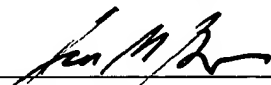
The Examiner cited the same portion of Crow in rejecting independent claims 14 and 17. Each of these claims includes the feature of a “display subjecting a group of frame images temporally before and after a center frame image to image processing and display as still images on the display device.” Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14 and 17 are patentable for at least the same reasons given with respect to claim 9 above.

In light of the above, early allowance of claims 1-18 is solicited.

In the event the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 325772025400.

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